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COUNTRY   Albania

SUBJECT   Albanian Shipping Activities

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1. The SS QEMAL STAFA departed ████████████████ where 25X1A 25X1X
   she unloaded. She returned to Trieste on 17 August 1949 with a cargo of
   nine cases weighing 766 kilos.

2. Although the manifest showed a cargo of seven cases, described as containing
   samples of electrical equipment for the Hungarische Allgemeine A. G. via
   MASPED, Budapest, Hungary, the nine cases unloaded included two labelled
   "electrical equipment" and seven marked as containing anti-typhus vaccine.
   In view of these discrepancies and because the vaccine was considered a
   possible safety hazard to the port of Trieste, the entire shipment was
   inspected by the local authorities.

3. Examination showed that the two cases labelled "electrical equipment" were
   empty except for three sturdy circular racks on the bottom designed to hold
   cylindrical objects securely. These cases,* measuring 1.2 x .5 x .65 meters
   and .97 x .45 x .45 meters, respectively, were addressed to Ihsan Budo, Hotel
   Vanoli, Trieste.

4. The seven cases of vaccine contained more than 2100 bottles, each holding
   100 cc of an opaque yellow fluid and labelled anti-typhus vaccine,* loosely
   packed in straw without refrigeration. According to the label, the serum
   was manufactured by the "Scientific Research Laboratory and Factory for
   Production of DD Serum", Lovas U. T. 4/C, Budapest. Dosage directions in
   Serbo-Croat were wrapped around the bottles.

5. During the first week of September 1949, Ihsan Budo purchased a 500-ton
   motor-sailboat in Genoa, Italy, from an unknown person. This vessel, the
   name of which has not yet been learned, is now reportedly being transferred 25X1A
   to Albanian registry.

████████ **Comment:** The purpose of the two wooden cases described in
paragraph 3 has not yet been ascertained. A sample of the liquid described
in paragraph 4 is being sent here for analysis.

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